

**NOTICE OF INTENT**  
**Student Financial Assistance Commission**  
**Office of Student Financial Assistance**  
Scholarship/Grant Programs  
(LAC 28:IV.301)

The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) announces its intention to amend its Scholarship/Grant rules (LSA-R.S. 17:3021-3025, LSA-R.S. 3041.10-3041.15, LSA-R.S. 17:3042.1, LSA-R.S. 17:3048.1, LSA-R.S. 17:3048.5 and LSA-R.S. 17:3048.6).

This rulemaking amends the definition of “TOPS Cumulative High School Grade Point Average” to provide that beginning with 2013-2014 high school graduates, the grade point average will be calculated on the 19 units of courses included in the TOPS core curriculum.

The proposed rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, or autonomy, as described in LSA-R.S. 49:972. The proposed rule will have no adverse impact on small businesses as described in LSA-R.S. 49:965.2 *et seq.* The proposed rulemaking will have no impact on poverty as described in LSA-R.S. 49:973. (SG13142NI)

## Title 28

### EDUCATION

#### Part IV. Student Financial Assistance—Higher Education Scholarship and Grant Programs

##### Chapter 3. Definitions

###### §301. Definitions

A. Words and terms not otherwise defined in this Chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms in this Section. Where the masculine is used in these rules, it includes the feminine, and vice versa; where the singular is used, it includes the plural, and vice versa.

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*TOPS Cumulative High School Grade Point Average—*

a. effective for high school graduates beginning with academic year (high school) 2002-2003, the grade point average calculated by LOSFA including only the grades achieved in those courses that were used to satisfy core curriculum requirements. In the event a student has received credit for more than 16.5 hours of courses that are included in the core curriculum, the TOPS cumulative high school grade point average shall be calculated by using the course in each core curriculum category for which the student received the highest grade. For example, if a student has taken more than one Advanced Mathematics course, the

cumulative grade point average shall be determined by using only the course in which the student has received the highest grade;

b. effective for high school graduates beginning with academic year (high school) 2002-2003, the grade point average for students qualifying for a performance award using a minimum ACT score of 24 and a minimum grade point average of 3.00 must include at least 10 units of honors curriculum courses (see §703.A.5.f.ii);

c. effective for high school graduates beginning with academic year (high school) 2007-2008, the grade point average shall be calculated on 17.5 hours of ~~courses~~ units of courses that are used to satisfy ~~included in~~ the core curriculum;

d. effective for high school graduates beginning with academic year (high school) 2013-2014, the grade point average shall be calculated on 19.0 hours of units of courses that are used to satisfy the core curriculum;

~~ed.~~ for those high schools that utilize other than a 4.00 scale, all grade values shall be converted to a 4.00 scale utilizing the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Quality Points Awarded for the Course}}{\text{Maximum Points Possible for the Course}} = \frac{X (\text{Converted Quality Points})}{4.00 (\text{Maximum Scale})}$$

For example, if a school awards a maximum of 5 points for honors courses, the school must use the following formula to convert an honors course grade of "C":

$$\frac{3.00}{5.00} = \frac{X}{4.00}$$

By cross multiplying,

$$5X = 12; X = 2.40$$

Quality points = Credit for course multiplied by the value assigned to the letter grade.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3025, R.S. 17:3042.1 and R.S. 17:3048.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 22:338 (May 1996), repromulgated LR 24:632 (April 1998), amended LR 24:1898 (October 1998), LR 24:2237 (December 1998), LR 25:256 (February 1999), LR 25:654 (April 1999), LR 25:1458 and 1460 (August 1999), LR 25:1794 (October 1999), LR 26:65 (January 2000), LR 26:688 (April 2000), LR 26:1262 (June 2000), LR 26:1601 (August 2000), LR 26:1993, 1999 (September 2000), LR 26:2268 (October 2000), LR 26:2752 (December 2000), LR 27:36 (January 2001), LR 27:284 (March 2001), LR 27:1219 (August 2001), LR 27:1840 (November 2001), LR 27:1875 (November 2001), LR 28:45 (January 2002), LR 28:446 (March 2002), LR 28:772 (April 2002), LR 28:2330, 2331 (November 2002), LR 29:555 (April 2003), LR 29:879 (June 2003), LR 30:1159 (June 2004), LR 30:2015 (September 2004), LR 31:36 (January 2005), LR 31:3112 (December 2005), LR 33:86 (January 2007), LR 33:439 (March 2007), LR 33:1339 (July 2007), LR 33:2612 (December 2007), LR 34:234 (February 2008), LR 34:1388 (July 2008), LR 34:1884 (September 2008), LR 35:228 (February 2009), LR 35:1489 (August 2009), LR 35:1490 (August 2009), LR 36:311 (February 2010), LR 36:490 (March 2010), LR 36:2854 (December 2010), LR 37:1561 (June 2011), LR 37:1562 (June 2011).

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed changes (SG13142NI) until 4:30 p.m., October 10, 2012, to Melanie Amrhein, Executive Director, Office of Student Financial Assistance, P.O. Box 91202, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9202.

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